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MEDICAL OFFICERS'

ANNUAL REPORT

For the

Year ended 31st December,  
1940.

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The Annual Report of the Medical Officers of Health for the Year  
ended 31st December, 1940.  
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To the Chairman and Councillors of the Nidderdale Rural District Council.

My Lord, Ladies and Gentlemen,


We have pleasure in submitting for your  
consideration our Annual Report for the year 1940.

As in the previous year the Ministry of  
Health have requested us to make a short interim report only, reserving  
statistics of Sanitary matters and housing until a later date.

Y our obedient Servants,

J.M. Benson  
W.J. Forbes.

Medical Officers of Health .



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# NIDDERDALE RURAL DISTRICT.

## Public Health Officers of the Council.

Medical Officers of Health.	(J.H. Benson, M.B., B. Ch., Edin. (J.J. Forbes, M.B., B. Ch., B.A.O.
Sanitary Inspectors.	(A.E.W. Lupton, C.R.S.I. (W.H. Dingsdale, M.R.S.I., M.S.I.A.
Food Inspectors.	(A.E.W. Lupton, C.R.S.I. (W.H. Dingsdale, M.R.S.I., M.S.I.A.

## Statistics and Social Conditions of the Area.

Area (in acres) .....	75,004
Registrar-General's estimate Resident Population .....	12,750
Number of Inhabited houses (end of 1940) .....	3,702
Rateable Value .....	£59,601
Sum represented by a penny rate .....	£246.6.2.
Social Conditions. Farming is the chief occupation of the inhabitants .....	
	Total. M. F.
Live (Legitimate	175 99 86 } Total 185
Births (Illegitimate	10 7 3 }
Rate per 1,000 of estimated population .....	14.2
Still Births ( 2 male and 1 female) Total .....	3
Rate per 1,000 ( live and still) births .....	15
Deaths: Males 99 : Females 72 .....	171
Death rate per 1,000 estimated population .....	13.4
Death Rate from Puerperal Sepsis (No. 29).....	Nil
Death Rate from other Puerperal Causes ( No. 29).....	Nil
Per 1,000 total (live and still) births .....	Nil
Death Rate of Infants under one year of age:-	
See Infants per 1,000 live births .....	43
Legitimate Infants per 1,000 legitimate live births .....	40
Illegitimate Infants per 1,000 Illegitimate live births .....	Nil
Deaths from Cancer ( all ages) .....	23
Deaths from Measles ( all ages) .....	Nil
Deaths from Whooping Cough ( all ages) .....	Nil
Deaths from Diarrhoea ( Under 2 years of age) .....	Nil

The e was no unusual or excessive mortality during the year requiring comment.





## SALUTARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA.

### WESTERN DIVISION.

#### Water Supply.

The greater part of the Western Division of the Council's Area is provided with a piped mains supply, being distributed by the following undertakers :-

Harrogate Corporation 11 Parishes (Farnham, Ferronsby, Tollifoot, Goldsborough, Hamsthwaite, Haverah Park, Killinghall, Pannal, Scotton, Scriven, and Brearton).

Rural District Council 2 Parishes ( Burton Leonard and Staveley.

Private Undertakers 4 Parishes ( Pelliscliffe, Nidd, Plompton and Ripley. The Plompton supply is supplemented by Harrogate supply).

The remaining 8 Parishes, Arkendale, Concythorpe, Copgrove, Flaxby, Great Ribston, Knaresborough Outer, Stainley and Walkingham Hill, obtain their supplies from public and private wells, and at Brearton there are still a number of owners who have not availed themselves of the Harrogate piped supply.

Burton Leonard, the new bore and plant has been completed and a very satisfactory supply has been obtained, the water however contains excessive hardness.

In Pelliscliffe and Stainley Parishes, there are several doubtful supplies.

Two Public Wells Pelliscliffe and Killinghall have been locked, but made available in the event of emergency for fire purposes only.

Routine bacteriological and chemical examination of water from public and private wells has been carried out.

#### Drainage and Sewerage.

The following Parishes still require sewerage :-  
Arkendale, Burton Leonard, Concythorpe, Pelliscliffe, Kettlesing, Scotton and Stainley, Brearton.

Improvement of defective sewers is required in the Parishes of Brearton, Burton Leonard, Pelliscliffe, Hamsthwaite, Pannal (Beckwithshaw Village) Scotton and Staveley.

Burton Leonard sewers are in a very bad condition, and there is continual occurrence of blocking and breaking in of pipes which are land tile class.





Brearton and Scotton sewers and outfall are not good and as soon as it is possible both these villages should be sewered and proper outfalls provided, now that there is a piped water supply to the village and additional sewerage from L.C.'s and baths.

Sewage disposal works in the Parishes of Hampsthwaite, Killinghall and Staveley are inadequate.

Wetrenby is now sewered, but a number of properties are not yet connected to the new sewer owing to lack of labour and materials due to war conditions.

#### Rivers and Streams.

No written complaint of pollution of rivers and streams has been received during the year, but verbal intimation has been received by the Rivers Board that some from many of the above named Parishes is reaching the streams and will have to be considered and dealt with when circumstances permit.

#### Public Cleansing.

Six Parishes are scavenged by the Council by direct labour, the remaining Parishes not scavenged experience difficulty in disposing of domestic refuse, and complaints and repeated requests are being received from householders in these Parishes asking for removal of their domestic refuse.

#### Tents, Vans, Sheds, etc.

There are no camping grounds, but there has been a notable increase of spasmodic trailer caravans pitched at farm premises by persons evacuating towns.

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#### EASTERN DIVISION.

##### Water Supply.

The source of the supply to 17 Townships is from Boreholes and Pumping Stations from which 988 dwelling houses are supplied. There has been no extension during the year. The supply has been satisfactory in quality and quantity. Three examinations of the water have been made during the year. These were satisfactory both chemically and bacteriologically.

They have been no restrictions of supplies. Poppleton Upper and Poppleton Nether are supplied by York Water Company.

##### Drainage and Sewerage.

There have been no extensions of sewers during the year. Various parishes in the district require sewerage or improvement of defective sewers.

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## Prevalence of and Control over Infectious Diseases.

There were 28 cases of Scarlet Fever, 4 of Diphtheria, 1 of Enteric Fever, 182 of Measles, 1 Whooping Cough, 1 Puerperal Pyrexia and 4 of Pneumonia.

### Tuberculosis.

8 Cases of Pulmonary and 3 of Non-Pulmonary Tuberculosis were notified during the year. There were 8 deaths of Pulmonary and 2 of Non-Pulmonary Tuberculosis.

### Acute Poliomyelitis.

An outbreak of Acute Poliomyelitis (Infantile Paralysis) occurred, 8 cases being notified with one death.

### Causes of Death at all ages.

The principal causes of death were:-

Heart Disease	53.
Cancer	23.
Violence	11.
Pneumonia	5.

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Medical Officers of Health.

September, 1941.

